

**PASSION FIRST. PURPOSE FOREVER.** THIS IS OUR FOUNDATIONAL BELIEF AT GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY. IT ECHOES THROUGH OUR HALLS. REVERBERATES IN OUR CLASSROOMS. PULSES THROUGH OUR STAFF AND STUDENT BODY. HERE, **YOU ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN A STUDENT.** A PROFESSOR. AN ADMINISTRATOR. YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH UNIQUE STRENGTHS AND IDEAS. YOU ARE DRIVEN BY YOUR OWN RICH EXPERIENCES AND AMBITIONS. AND YOU DESERVE A UNIVERSITY THAT FITS YOU. **HERE, YOU ARE NOT SIMPLY YOUR MAJOR OR POSITION. YOU ARE YOUR MISSION. THE DRIVING FORCE** THAT MOTIVATES AND INVIGORATES ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE. WE BELIEVE IT'S THIS ENERGY THAT HELPS BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN **YOUR PASSION AND YOUR PURPOSE,** GUIDING YOU TO A REWARDING AND FULFILLING CAREER. WHEN YOU'RE READY FOR A UNIVERSITY **WHERE YOU CAN BE ALL THAT YOU'VE IMAGINED.**



**Governors State**  
UNIVERSITY

# I WELCOME YOU TO GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY, A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY IN THE CHICAGO AREA.

GSU offers you value combined with academic excellence. Our professors, and the programs in which they teach, are recognized for leadership and innovation. GSU can prepare you to succeed in our competitive, global economy. GSU offers you a transformative experience. Our diverse and multicultural community fosters global ideas and real-world solutions. This university is an extraordinary place to broaden your mind and discover your passions. We look forward to sharing our beautiful campus and our welcoming community with you.

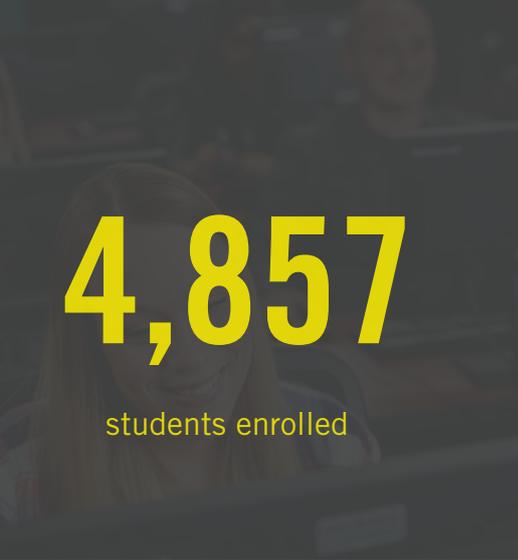
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Elaine P. Maimon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.  
President, Governors State University







4,857

students enrolled



12:1

student-faculty ratio



20

countries represented  
in student body

# HERE, YOU ARE WELCOME.

At Governors State University, we take pride in our diversity. We look like the world. We look like you. Our campus, which is the safest in the state, provides each student with opportunities to thrive in a welcoming environment where independence is celebrated and supported.

Whether you're coming to GSU from another of the world's biggest and busiest cities or from the quiet charm of a rural area, you'll find many things to make you feel right at home here. GSU's Office of International Services is dedicated to helping you become a student in the U.S.—and having a great experience once you're here. Throughout the year, OIS hosts events, trips, and campus activities that will help you meet other GSU students and make the most of life on campus.



55%

of GSU students identify  
as belonging to a racial  
and/or ethnic minority



1

ranked safest campus in  
Illinois



49,000

alumni

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate students are taught by full-time professors in classes of no more than 30 students. No teaching assistants. No packed auditoriums. This learning environment is unlike most U.S. public universities.

# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduate students will find degree programs that are among the most sought-after in the U.S.

Conduct and publish research alongside professors who are leaders in their fields, and emerge from GSU as a professional prepared to meet the demands of an ever-changing global society.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH SKILLS

Reading, speaking, and writing English are key to your academic success. GSU's English Language Learning Center can help. Our intensive 15-week study program is taught by faculty who can help you with language, and much more, so that you have a solid understanding of the social and cultural environment in the U.S.

## BUSINESS

Accounting (B.S.)

Business Administration (B.A.) –

Concentrations in:

Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Operations and Supply Chain Management

Business and Applied Science (B.A.)

Economics (B.A.)

Manufacturing Management (B.A.)

## HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS

Anthropology and Sociology (B.A.)

Art (B.F.A.)

Communication (B.A.)

Criminal Justice (B.A.)

English (B.A.)

Gender and Sexuality Studies (B.A.)

History (B.A.)

Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)

Media Studies (B.A.)

Political Science (B.A.)

Theatre and Performance Studies (B.A.)

## SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Biology (B.S.)\*

Chemistry (B.S.)\*

Computer Science (B.S.)\*

Information Technology (B.S.)\*

Mathematics (B.A.)\* – Concentrations in:

General Mathematics and Actuarial Science

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Communication Disorders (B.H.S.)

Community Health (B.H.S.)

Health Administration (B.H.A.)

Health Informatics (B.S.)

Social Work (B.S.W.)

## EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education – Licensure and Non-Licensure (B.A.)

Elementary Education (B.A.)

Psychology – General, Forensic, Mindfulness Studies, Pre-Clinical (B.A.)

## BUSINESS

Accounting (M.S.)

Business Administration (MBA)

Specialization Options: Business Analytics, Finance, Leadership, Supply Chain Management, or create a custom specialization

*Business Analytics (M.S.) (in development)*

## EDUCATION

Educational Administration – Principal Leadership (M.A.)

Interdisciplinary Leadership (Ed.D.)

– Concentrations in Higher Education and Superintendent

Counseling: Clinical Mental

Health, Marriage and Family, and School Counseling (M.A.)

Psychology: Sequence in Clinical or Theoretical (M.A.)

School Psychology (Ed.S.)

Counselor Education & Supervision (Ed.D.)

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Addictions Studies (M.H.S.)

Communication Disorders (M.H.S.)

Health Administration (M.H.A.)

Health Informatics (M.S.)

Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)

Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

Social Work (M.S.W.)

## HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS

Art (M.F.A.)

Communication, Media, and Performance (M.A.)

Criminal Justice (M.A.)

English (M.A.) – Sequences in Literature, Writing

Independent Film and Digital Imaging (M.F.A.)

Interdisciplinary Leadership – Not for Profit/ Social Entrepreneurship (Ed.D.)

Public Administration (M.P.A.)

## SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Analytical Chemistry (M.S.)\*

Computer Science (M.S.)\*

Environmental Biology, Management, and Policy (M.S.)\*

Mathematics (M.S.)\* – Concentrations in: General Mathematics, Teacher Education, and Actuarial Science

**\*STEM-Eligible Program**

In addition to 20 hours of classroom instruction—with two lab hours each week—get to know Chicago and all this exciting city has to offer through peer mentoring and cultural enrichment activities. GSU offers short-term summer programs as well.

For more information, contact the English Language Learning Center at [esl@govst.edu](mailto:esl@govst.edu) or visit [www.govst.edu/esl](http://www.govst.edu/esl).

# LIFE IN UNIVERSITY PARK

## **A Living/Learning Community**

Live in Prairie Place, our on-campus student residence for undergraduate and graduate students. Choose from suites with a connecting bathroom or apartments (two and four bedrooms with full kitchen and bathroom). Community kitchens are located on each floor, and there's even an in-house classroom for meetings and events.

Trained resident assistants and full-time faculty members live in Prairie Place, providing you with support and assistance and enhancing your intellectual life.

[www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing)

## **Arts and culture are central to life at GSU.**

Governors State University thrives on cultural and academic centers that enrich the university and its larger community. The GSU campus is set within the world-renowned Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park—a collection of 29 masterworks of large-scale sculpture situated within 100 acres of prairie landscape. Attend inspiring visual and performing arts exhibits, partake in civic opportunities, or learn about innovative research initiatives, all right on the GSU campus.

[www.govst.edu/Centers-Culture](http://www.govst.edu/Centers-Culture)

Take a virtual tour of campus at [www.govst.edu/visit-us](http://www.govst.edu/visit-us).



# THE GSU JAGUARS

Part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, GSU student-athletes shine on the field and in the classroom. In 2018, the men's basketball team took home a conference championship—the first in university history.

On-campus facilities available to all GSU students include a recreation and fitness center, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, basketball court, and cricket, soccer, and softball fields.

## 2019–20 GSU COMPETITIVE SPORTS

**Men's and Women's Basketball**

**Men's and Women's Cross Country**

**Men's and Women's Golf**

**Men's and Women's Soccer**

**Women's Volleyball**

# BECOME A GSU STUDENT ATHLETE.

A limited number of GSU athletic scholarships are available to qualified students who are selected based on athletic ability, academic standards, and financial need.

Complete the Prospective Athlete Interest Form at [www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit](http://www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit).



# TUITION AND FEES

As an international student, you must show proof of financial support to cover the estimated expenses for your first academic year. Use the estimated expenses listed on the following page to know how much financial support you need to show in order to obtain your certificate of eligibility (I-20 [F-1 Students] or DS-2019 [J-1 Students]) that is required for your visa.

# HOW TO APPLY

The Office of International Services is ready to help you join this vibrant community by assisting with a variety of issues, including visa and immigration issues, help in adjusting to the United States, guidance on how to prepare for your trip to the U.S., and assistance connecting with GSU students, faculty, and staff. OIS also offers programs and events throughout the year to ensure your academic success at GSU and your adjustment to the Chicago area.

## Steps to Apply:

1. Get to know the Governors State campus. Take the virtual tour at:

[www.govst.edu/visit-us](http://www.govst.edu/visit-us)

2. Contact GSU or one of our partners abroad. Find one in your country at:

[www.govst.edu/recruiting-partners](http://www.govst.edu/recruiting-partners)

3. Submit your application at:

[applynow.govst.edu](http://applynow.govst.edu)

4. Secure your on-campus residence by completing your application and paying fees.

Information about the application process can be found online at:

[www.govst.edu/international-students](http://www.govst.edu/international-students)

# ESTIMATED EXPENSES

## International Student Estimated Expenses per Academic Year (fall and spring semesters)

	Tuition	Fees (includes health insurance)	Other (includes books, living expenses, & misc)	Total*
<b>Undergraduate</b>				
All programs	\$15,024	\$3,115	\$9,700	\$27,839
<b>Graduate</b>				
Programs in the College of Business	\$14,616	\$2,614	\$9,700	\$26,930
Specialist in School Psychology	\$15,192	\$2,614	\$9,700	\$27,506
Masters in Occupational Therapy	\$17,640	\$2,614	\$9,700	\$29,954
Doctorate in Occupational Therapy	\$20,502	\$2,614	\$9,700	\$32,816
Doctorate in Physical Therapy	\$20,502	\$2,614	\$9,700	\$32,816
Doctorate in Counselor Education & Supervision	\$17,190	\$2,614	\$9,700	\$29,504
All other programs	\$12,708	\$2,614	\$9,700	\$25,022
<b>English as a Second Language</b>				
Per academic year (3 semesters)	\$16,500	\$0	\$11,000	\$27,500

\*Amount needed to issue I-20

# GSU AND CHICAGOLAND: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

GSU, the safest campus in the state and eighth safest in the nation, is surrounded by trails for biking and hiking, nature preserves for getting to know the prairieland of our Midwest region, and communities full of culture, entertainment, sports, and shopping experiences. In summer months, we also have a vegetable garden, available for use by students and the entire community.

Also near campus—and a very short GSU bus ride away—is the commuter train that will take you to downtown Chicago in less than one hour. No matter what you study at GSU, Chicago is an international hub with internships and careers waiting.

This is where you'll find world-class healthcare—with hospitals, research organizations, pharmaceutical, and medical companies; the world's leading technology and consulting companies; award-winning theatre companies, symphonies, and opera companies; and communications companies. Chicago has it all.

This is also a city built around neighborhoods. No matter where you and your family come from, there's a Chicago community full of people who speak your language, serve your food, and understand your culture. And we'll help you find them. Chicago is also a place to have fun. Festivals occur throughout the year—particularly in summer and fall. Lake Michigan, an inland sea, is one of the largest fresh water lakes on the planet. The Chicago lakefront is full of parks, paths, museums, sports venues, restaurants, and spots to just sit and enjoy. And of course, our sports teams are legendary: we'll introduce you to American football, and our other professional teams are thrilling to watch.

**CHICAGOLAND HAS IT ALL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW YOU.**





# YOUR FUTURE BEGINS AT GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

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Office of International Services: [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois)

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Governors State University is located just 64 kilometers south of Chicago,  
easily accessible by car or Metra commuter train.



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